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SUBJECT: OAU MINISTERIAL-- WRAPUP

REF: LIBREVILLE 1671 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: LIBREVILLE MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE VIEW AS VICTORY
FOR MODERATES, WHO CLEARLY HELD BALANCE OF POWER. END
SUMMARY.

1. AS EXPECTED, CM SHOWED GENERAL UNANIMITY ON ALL SOUTHERN
AFRICAN QUESTIONS (AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE, SWAPO,
SANCTIONS, BANTUSTANS, APARTHEID) WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION
OF QUESTION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT. FIVE POSER INITIATIVES ON
NAMIBIA WERE FORMALLY ENCOURAGED AND OPEN CRITICISM OF
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US RHODESIAN POLICY GENERALLY CONFINED TO RADICAL STATES,
PATRIOTIC FRONT, ANC, SOUTH AFRICAN AND PAN AFRICAN
CONGRESS.

2. ON SANCTIONS TOWARD RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICA,
GERMANS, FRENCH AND JAPANESE TOOK BRUNT OF CRITICISM
WITH US AND UK RELATIVELY UNSCATHED. CM DODGED ISSUE

OF AFRICAN TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND RECOMMENDED
MINISTERS VISIT OIL PRODUCERS TO ASSURE NO ILLEGAL
EXPORTS ARE OCCURRING.

3. ON OTHER COLONIAL QUESTION, CM SHOWED EXPECTED
UNANIMITY IN CONDEMNING FRANCE ON MAYOTTE AND ON
DECISION ON CANARIES LIBERATION FROM (LIBREVILLE 1628).

4. ALGERIANS ATTEMPTED RAISE SAHARA AND POLISARIO ON
EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION WITH MINIMUM OF REAL SUCCESS.
EARLY MOVE BY PRESIDENT BONGO WHICH ASSURED MOROCCAN
PRESENCE AND ADOPTION BY MODERATES OF LINE THAT MATTER
COULD ONLY BE ADDRESSED BY SUMMIT EFFECTIVE FRUSTRATED
ALGERIANS AT MINISTERIAL.

5. MODERATES WERE GENERALLY ON OFFENSIVE ON QUESTION OF
INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH ZAIRE ATTACKING
ANGOLA, CHAD ATTACKING LIBYA AND KENYA ATTACKING SOMALIA.
ETHIOPIA'S SILENCE ON SUDAN AND ABSENCE OF BENIN MEANT
TWO OF RADICALS' BEST POTENTIAL COUNTERATTACKS NEVER
REACHED FLOOR.

6. WHILE QUESTIONS OF AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION AND PALESTINE
WERE BOTH HANDLED QUIETLY WITH APPARENT MINIMUM OF DISCUSSION,
ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON CHAD/LIBYA SHOWED THAT
ARAB-BLACK AFRICAN DIFFERENCES WERE STILL POTENT FORCE.
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7. SOME INTERJECTION OF POLITICS INTO TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS OCCURRED WITH CONDEMNING OF USE OF NAPALM
IN LIBERATION AREAS IN CONTEXT OF DESERTIFICATION
STUDY AND RECOGNITION OF SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT
(SESA) AS OAU AFFILIATED INSTITUTION. SCSA MADE
CONTINUOUS REFERENCE TO ITS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN
ITS LETTER OF APPLICATION, AND WAS ONLY ORGANIZATION
AMONG SEVERAL APPLICANTS TO RECEIVE AFFILIATED STATUS.

8. CM DEALT WITH ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS IN ITS USUAL SLOW, CAUTIOUS,
BUREAUCRATIC FASHION.

9. WITH EXCEPTION OF CONTINUOUS ATTACKS ON RACIST
WHITE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LEVEL OF
INVECTIVE WAS LOW. LEVEL OF CRITICISM OF SOVIET
"SOCIALIST IMPERIALISM" APPEARS TO BE RISING AND OPEN
SOVIET LOBBYING OR OTHER ACTIVITIES WAS NOT APPARENT
AT CONFERENCE. STEIGMAN

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